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THE

ACCOUNT OF THE SELECTMEN,

For 1866 and '67,

WITH THE

AUDITORS' REPORT THEREON,

OF THE

TOWN OF BRENTWOOD.

The Selectmen charge themselves with the following sums, viz :

Received from the Town Treasurer last year	$540 01
" " State Treasurer, Railroad tax	133 34
" " Savings Bank dividend	120 24
" " Literary money	22 50
" " State aid money	127 40
" " Government bounty	240 00
" of County for the support of Paupers	175 34
" " Plaistow for boarding George Flanders from the first day of May 1866 to the first day of March 1867	76 85
" from articles sold from the Farm	350 01
" " James C. Robinson remainder of tax due for the year 1865	441 09
" " James C. Robinson, Collector 1866	5,439 42
" hired money of different individuals	1500 00
" of Stratham for bills paid for taking care of Joseph Kelley, pauper	55 75
	$9,221 95

The Selectmen credit themselves with the following sums of money paid out, viz :

Paid State tax	$1,860 00
County tax	561 22
George A. Miles note and interest	227 81
David Jewell " "	99 09
John R. Norris " "	698 95
Josiah Robinson " "	636 00
Charles W. Bean " "	124 95
Joseph Jewell " "	406 67
E. B. Wood " "	1,068 53
Daniel Sanborn " "	153 00
J. M. Sinclair " "	503 15

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Paid G. W. Swain on note	100 00
Joseph Jewell interest on hired money	169 71
J. S. Willey " "	24 00
Sarah Morrill " "	9 50
Stephen Dow " "	60 90
A. J. Towle " "	42 00
W. Burrows " "	50 00
W. M. Lane " "	86 00
David R. Fellows " "	18 00
E. Gordon " "	18 00
Jonathan Morrill " "	12 00
T. J. Whittem for printing accounts	10 00
F. Robinson for bridge plank	8 12
George E. Lane for stationery	9 58
M. W. Caverly doctoring J. Kelley	19 75
Thomas Morris for boarding said Kelley	15 00
J. Smith 2d, School money, District No. 1	177 50
A. G. Colby " " " 2	130 00
William Hook " " " 3	143 80
L. D. Lyford " " " 4	91 90
L. G. Towle services in the Judd case	3 00
Elizabeth Morrill for bridge plank	77 80
Sias Noble " "	7 63
W. R. Clough " "	3 07
" for repairing bridge	2 50
J. M. Coburn services as school committee	6 00
M. W. Caverly " "	6 00
" " as clerk	20 03
I. B. Brown for bridge timber	1 44
J. R. Swazey for labor on bridge	3 50
" " " bridge timber	3 38
S. B. Miller for repairing highway	5 25
John A. Robinson for taking care Hall	1 00
Jonathan Robinson blacksmith bill	3 00
D. R. Fellows for gravel	2 50
J. P. Averill for bridge timber	6 40
W. H. Dudley " plank	4 80
C. C. S. Stevens for sheep damaged by dogs	7 00
John Gordon " killed "	22 00
Mrs. A. M. Collins for boarding County paupers two weeks	2 00
C. C. S. Stevens over-taxed	12 07
Octavia Stevens "	12 07
Joseph Jewell tax on horse that died	3 00
Abatements on 4 dogs	4 00
Benj. P. Dudley abatement of Poll tax 1867	4 14
Benj. Drew " " "	4 14
Charles Roberts " " "	4 14
John H. Marston " " "	4 14
Michael Nickett " " "	63
Non-residents highway tax worked out	18 28
B. F. LaBree for gravel	4 51
A. G. Dudley for plow broken on the highway	1 00
James Colcord for two string pieces for bridge	12 00

Paid W. Stickney	1	00
Transient paupers	3	00
Revenue and postage stamps	5	20
For supplies at the Farm	309	21
H. Jewell for bridge timber	1	50
J. M. Sinclair services as Selectman	12	00
" " Treasurer	12	00
" " for drawing off accounts last year	5	00
" " for making out and settling pauper bill	3	00
" " enrolling the militia	1	00
" " Overseer of Poor	4	00
" " for 98 lbs. beef 11 cts per pound	10	78
" " for 1 horse wagon	16	01
" " for Express		40
" " March 14, 1866, self and horse to Nottingham one day on town business	3	00
" " March 31, to Stratham on pauper case	3	00
" " April 20th, 1 day to Concord on town business	1	50
" " Expenses	3	00
" " Dec. 27th, " "	1	50
" " Expenses	3	00
" " twice to Epping on pauper case	1	00
J. C. Robinson for collecting tax 1866	50	00
" " discount 5 per cent on collecting $4,210.50 before Sept. 1st 1866	210	52
Barnard Goodrich Superintending town Farm	150	00
H. Jewell services as Selectman	12	00
" Overseeing the Poor	4	00
" Enrolling the militia	1	00
" taking births and deaths	1	00
Geo. K. Russell services as Selectman	12	00
" " Overseeing the Poor	4	00
" " Enrolling the militia	1	00
" " taking birth and deaths	1	00
J. C. Robinson services as constable	5	00
Money in the hands of the Treasurer	562	78
	$9,221	95

J. M. SINCLAIR,
H. JEWELL,
GEO. K. RUSSELL, } Selectmen of Brentwood.

Brentwood, Feb. 26, 1867.

We the subscribers, Auditors of the Selectmen's accounts, have examined said accounts and find them correctly cast and well vouched, and find remaining in the hands of the Treasurer, five hundred and sixty-two dollars and seventy-eight cents. ($562.78)

SAMUEL MORRILL,
FREDERICK ROBINSON,
JOHN LADD, } Auditors.

Invoice of Personal Property at the Town Farm, as appraised by the Selectmen Feb. 26, 1867.

1 horse, 2 wagons, 1 sleigh, 1 harness,	75 00
2 oxen, 3 cows, 14 sheep,	390 00
5 tons English, 7 tons meadow hay,	170 00
18 bush. corn, 4 of oats, 7 of barley, 5 of beans,	53 00
45 " potatoes, 300 lbs. pork, 75 lbs of bacon,	78 75
7 meat bbls., 3 cider do., 20 flour do., 1 keg, 4 tubs,	10 00
3 mirrors, crockery, 1 clock, 1 table,	4 50
10 beds, 14 sheets, 6 blankets, 19 pillows and cases, 8 straw beds,	50 00
20 chairs, 9 tables, 3 bureaus and table cutlery,	12 00
1 washing machine, 4 meal bags,	4 50
3 stoves and apparatus, sheep shears, 3 jars, brass kettle,	25 00
1 horse rake, lot sled timber, 1 cheese safe, 4 trunks,	10 00
1 soap tub, 2 firkins, 3 pots and trays,	4 00
30 lbs. butter, 40 do. lard, 20 do. cheese	22 95
20 lbs. soap grease, cart and wheels,	30 00
3 yokes, 5 chains, 3 plows, 2 harrows, 1 cultivator,	12 00
2 shovels, 4 hoes, 3 hand rakes, 2 loafer do, 3 hay forks,	10 00
1 scythe, 2 snaiths, 1 iron bar, 2 wedges, whiffletree, 2 small chains,	4 00
18 hens, 3 turkeys, 5 axes, 3 baskets,	20 00
3 saws, 2 augers, 1 shave, 1 set measures,	6 00
1 grindstone, 1 lantern, 1 robe, shingle, clapboard,	14 00
33 tin pans, 9 pails, 40 lbs. fresh meat,	15 00
2 lamps, 1 spinning wheel, 50 lbs. dried apples,	8 00
4 doz. eggs, 3 lightstands, 4 flat irons, 2 mortars,	5 00
2 shoats,	34 00
	$1,067 50

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

OF THE

Overseers of the Poor of Brentwood,

For the year ending Feb. 27th, 1867.

Receipts.

Rec'd from the County and the town of Plaistow for the support of paupers, and for articles sold from the town farm the following sums, viz :

From the County for the support of paupers,	$175 34	
" the town of Plaistow for boarding George Flanders 43 weeks at 1.50 per week	64 50	
For clothing and tobacco furnished said Flanders	12 35	
" cider apples	39 45	
" 42 1-2 lbs. wool	16 84	
" poultry	28 15	
" 1 cow	36 90	
" 1 scythe	1 15	
" potatoes	90	
" lard	2 98	
" 1 day's work with oxen	2 50	
" 5 lambs	20 00	
" soap grease	88	
" 35 lbs. pork	6 40	
" 7 pigs	35 25	
" 88 lbs. butter	35 72	
" beans	3 58	
" bacon and flour bbl.	6 50	
" hay	46 17	
" 9 3-4 bush. oats	6 53	
" horse-keeping	1 97	
" 47 doz. eggs	12 83	
" 3 calves	22 50	
" use of horse and wagon and plow	22 80	
		$602 19

Expended as follows, viz:

Paid Barnard Goodrich for superintending Town Farm,	150 00
Overseers of the Poor,	12 00
for 14 bags of meal	25 85
crackers	2 37
5 lbs. tea	6 40
5 " coffee	1 45
7 " nails	68
blacksmith's bill	5 88
for grass seed	8 30

Paid for 6 bus. barley	6 00	
use of cider mill	1 00	
plough point and milk	1 37	
11½ gals. molasses	8 75	
21 lbs. sugar	3 12	
fish and candles	5 40	
box mustard, cayenne and basket	95	
10 lbs. saleratus and 1 1-2 lbs. cream tartar	1 82	
thread and curtains	1 24	
2 bus. oats 1.50, 7 bus. potatoes 3.15	4 65	
1 hoe 85, whip-stock 10, killing hog 50	1 45	
fresh meat 6.07, wash boiler 3.25	9 32	
soap, onions and dipper	1 20	
garden seeds, matches and twine	1 63	
4 bbls. flour 56.09, and salt 3.27	59 36	
use of winnowing mill	49	
1 pr leather mittens	1 00	
3 axe handles 75, and castrating pigs 20	95	
1 hay fork 1.00, 1 cheese basket .75	1 75	
1 wagon 16 01, 1 cow 42.00	58 01	
S. Leavitt for use of horse and wagon to Exeter	60	
for labor in haying	23 00	
threshing and other labor	28 05	
oil 2.19, broom .55, medicines .60	3 34	
2 scythes and cheese cloth	2 70	
tallow, 3 yds. crash, and box salt	2 42	
98 lbs. beef, 11 cts. per lb.	18 78	
lot groceries	8 25	
clothing bought for county paupers and George Flanders	21 90	
Decrease on personal property as appraised by the Selectmen from last year	23 50	
		$406 93
Leaving a balance in favor of the Farm of		$195 26

Liabilities of the Town, Feb. 26th, 1867.

Notes due different individuals amounting to $15,189 00

Available Resources.

Due from Government	$1680 00
" " J. C. Robinson, Collector,	241 60
" " J. M. Sinclair, Treasurer,	562 78
" " County for the support of paupers,	35 00
" " Thomas Judd, on execution,	123 13
	$2642 51

The indebtedness of the Town, Feb. 26th, 1867, $12,436 49;—leaving the debt $1,297.10 less than last year.

J. M. SINCLAIR, *Treasurer.*

REPORT

OF THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

District No. 1.

Teacher Miss MARY E. DEARBORN. Length of school 29 weeks. Whole number of scholars 42; average attendance 32.

District No. 2.

Teachers Miss ZAPHIE O. COBURN and Miss MARY E. SINCLAIR. Length of school 15 weeks. Whole number of scholars 46; average attendance 31.

District No. 3.

East School. Teacher Miss M. AGNES TUCK. Length of school 19 weeks. Whole number of scholars 19; average attendance 14.

West School. Teacher Miss M. ELVIRA TUCK. Length of school 17 weeks. Whole number of scholars 26; average attendance 18.

District No. 4.

Teacher, Miss P. JOSIE LYFORD. Length of school 18 weeks. Whole number of scholars 25; average attendance 17.

We think our schools have been very successful the past year. The teachers, without exception, seemed to have great enthusiasm in their work and imparted a good share of it to their pupils. A teacher who arrests attention, awakens the latent energies of the mind, aids the pupil to govern passions, acquire correct habits and form a strong mental and moral character, is of great worth. Many engage in the work of teaching simply because it is a genteel way of securing a few dollars. But a committee should try and employ those who love to teach, and are apt in their calling.

While all of our teachers undoubtedly have been faithful, and done according to their ability, there is a marked difference in the results. In one school, every reading class is characterized by a clear and correct enunciation of every word and syllable—a natural intonation of voice according to the sentiments expressed, leading all to say: "What excellent readers you have." In the recitations you feel that there is an understanding of the principles and not a mere exercise of the memory for the occasion. In the moral conduct you find conscience and a sense

of honor have had a more potent influence than harsh words or the stinging rod.

But you ask who was our best teacher in town? We answer: The one who had the most tact and love of teaching,—who was most earnest in all her work,—who most fully inculcated the eternal principles of veracity, justice and humanity, love of country, piety to God, obedience to parents, respect for the aged, and kindness to all. The best teacher was the one who by her thorough, practical, winning power compelled her scholars to think earnestly, to cultivate every social virtue, and form the lofty purpose to live and act for the Eternal Future.

J. M. COBURN, }
MOSES W. CAVERLY, } S. S. Committee.

February, 1867.